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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: SENATOR BIRCH BAYH'S  
CONCERN OVER CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN  
PHILIPPINES

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM CUTHELL

1. SENATOR BAYH TELEPHONED NOVEMBER 22 REQUESTING INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENT PROBLEMS OF POLITICAL AND INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM IN THE PHILIPPINES SAYING HE WAS RECEIVING A GOOD DEAL BY MAIL AND TELEPHONE FROM HIS CONSTITUENTS PROTESTING OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF MARCOS GOVERNMENT. HE HAD MOST OF THE BASIC FACTS OF THE SITUATION, AND I REVIEWED THEM FOR HIM.

2. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS COULD DO TO HELP MOVE SITUATION BACK TOWARDS NORMAL AND WONDERED WHETHER IT WOULD DO MAJOR HARM IF HE INCLUDED REFERENCES TO MARTIAL LAW, POLITICAL PRISONERS AND ABSENCE OF CONGRESS OR PARLIAMENT. I REVIEWED OUR INTERESTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND TOLD HIM THAT MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON HOW HE PHRASED HIS CRITICISM AND HOPED THAT IT WOULD NOT LOOK LIKE DIRECT ASSAULT UPON MARCOS GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS. BELIEVE HE MAY GET IN TOUCH WITH ROMULO.

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3. THERE IS A SLOWLY ACCELERATING DRUMFIRE OF CONCERN OF THIS SORT COMING TO US AND WE BELIEVE A GOOD DEAL MORE THAT WE DO NOT HEAR. I SUGGEST THAT ANY WAY YOU CAN GET OUR CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS FROM SUCH INCIDENTS AS THE LOPEZ-OSMENA HUNGER STRIKE TO MARCOS' ATTENTION WOULD BE USEFUL AS HE CLEARLY IS AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CONGRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION.

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